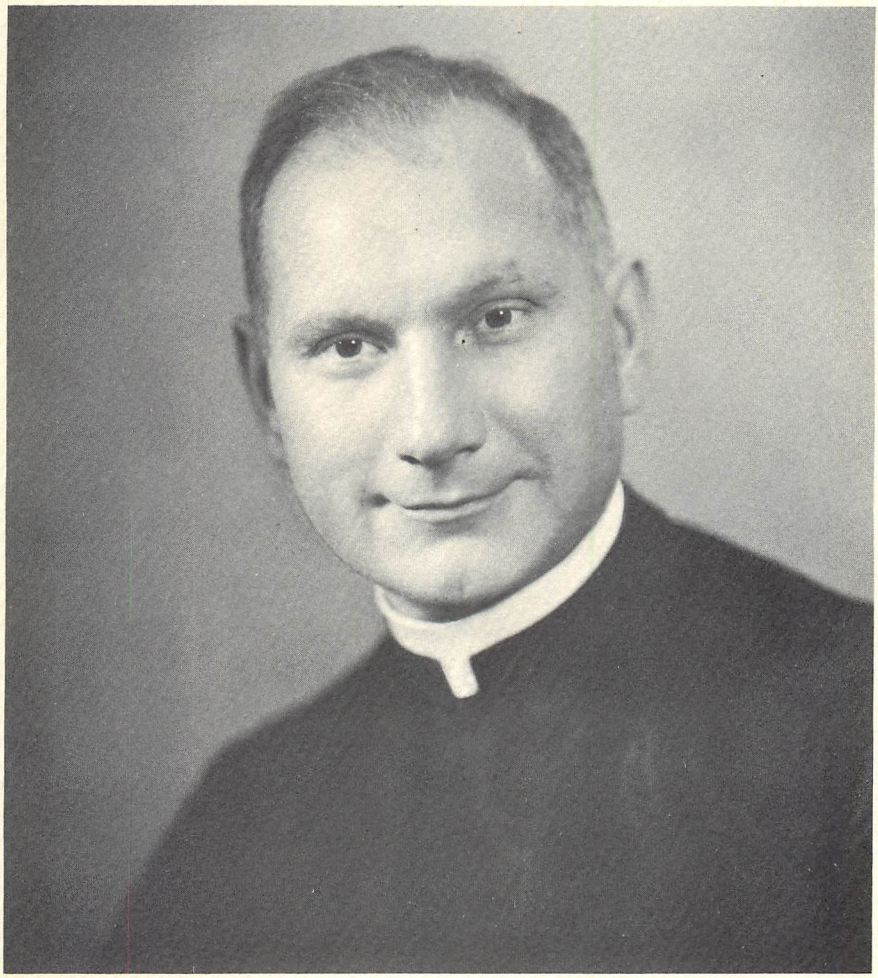
Testimonial Dinner

in honor of

RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR

LOUIS JOSEPH MENDELIS, S.T.D., LL.D.



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Our Jubilarian

On the last day of August, 1928, there arrived from Rome, the center of Catholicism, in Baltimore, a newly ordained priest who was to be the new assistant at St. Alphonsus Church. He was a total stranger to Baltimore and its people. He knew neither the pastor nor any of his new parishioners. He had to start from the proverbial scratch.

In twenty-five years, however, this priest by his unflagging zeal and untiring work has carved out for himself a significant niche not only in the life of the Lithuanian colony in Baltimore but in the life of the city, making St. Alphonsus Church "a powerhouse of prayer" and the great mission center of Baltimore.

This priest is the jubilarian of this evening, the Right Reverend Monsignor Louis Joseph Mendelis, S.T.D., LL.D., the present pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. It may be of interest to recall few of the salient features of this busy priest's life.

His Early Years

Our jubilarian was born in Siauliai, Lithuania, April 18, 1898. The first twelve years of his life were spent in that city. There he attended the primary schools; there he learned to serve Mass; and it was there that during the impressionable years of his life he imbibed those beautiful Lithuanian traditions that he tried to carry on in St. Alphonsus Church.

In 1909, the father of Msgr. Mendelis, Joseph Mendelis, decided to emigrate to America. There he hoped to better his own condition and that of his family. After a year of hard work he was able to save enough money to pay for the passage of his wife, Mrs. Mendelis, and their five children, three boys and two girls.

They settled in the anthracite coal regions in the little mining town of Inkerman, near Pittston, Penna. In September of that year (1910), our future Monsignor began to attend the primary grades of the local public school. This he did until Christmas.

Life for the Mendelis' was painfully hard. With seven mouths to feed and only the father working, as laborer in the coal mines, it was hard to make ends meet. And so, because Louis was the oldest in the family, it fell upon him to help out with the family income.

Through the kindness of one of the mine bosses, the young Mendelis at the age of twelve obtained a job in the coal mines, opening and closing the mine doors, paying him 8 cents an hour, or 72 cents for 9 hours work.

During the next two years he was promoted from tending doors to driving mules: first, one mule; then, a team; and lastly three mules, entitling him to a wage of 18½ cents an hour. While working in the coal mines during the day, the future Monsignor struggled to learn the English language at night. He told me how he never forgot the thrill of conquest, when after three years in the U.S.A. he was able to follow the thought of one of Horatio Alger's books, "Jed, the Poor House Boy."

At an early age, the young Mendelis realized that to get ahead in America you must be at least a high school graduate. And so in January 1914, he managed to obtain a night job in the coal mines so that he might be able to attend day classes at St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, Penna. He registered for the second term of the Sophomore Class, managed to stick it out until June, and in September of 1914 he was able to carry all the subjects required of a Junior classman.

Every afternoon at 3 P. M. the young Mendelis would leave for the coal mine, about 3 miles from his home; descend 500 or more feet underground, work 9 hours driving mules, and return home about 1 A. M. the following morning. At 8 A. M. he was off for classes at St. Mary's in Wilkes-Barre, riding 7 miles to school. He returned home at 2 P. M. allowing him sufficient time to change his clothes before going off to work. It was a full schedule and Mendelis kept it up for 2½ years.

On April 18, 1916, just two months before his graduation, our future Monsignor was seriously injured at the coal mine. He was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Penna. There he spent five months nursing his injuries, almost losing his leg and his life. Nevertheless, he took his final examinations in a wheel chair in the hospital and graduated on crutches with his class with honors in June 1916.

His Business Training

Just one year before Louis' graduation, his parents, to get away from the hazards of coal mining, with meager funds, purchased a farm near Utica, N. Y. The family moved to the farm and one full summer, the future pastor of St. Alphonsus Church spent doing farm work.

The limited means with which the Mendelis' bought the farm plunged them into debt. In order to make the farm pay, muscle and brawn were not enough. The young Mendelis realized that outside financial help was indispensable for the success of the venture. So he bade good-bye to the farm and returned to Wilkes-Barre to seek employment.

His first job was putting up orders in a grocery store. Pay was small and he had to work 10 hours a day. Because of the injury to his leg, it was too much for Mendelis. But here Divine Providence intervened. A good Irishman named Pat Kielty, whose son had graduated with young Mendelis from St. Mary's High School, decided to try him in the life insurance business. He did not have too high hopes for him as a salesman, but out of sympathy gave him a "debit" and a collection book.

For the next four years, (1916-1920), our future Monsignor collected and sold life insurance. He learned the business quickly. In one year's time he became the leading salesman in the Wilkes-Barre office. Next year he lead the entire State of Pennsylvania. The following year he was leading a Division, comprising several states, and in 1920, when he left the insurance business, to enter Mount Saint Mary's College, he stood Number One among the 18,000 agents selling insurance for that company in the United States and Canada.

While selling insurance, our jubilarian helped his parents to liquidate their debts and to establish themselves on a sound financial basis. Moreover, as soon as he learned the ABC of the insurance business, he registered as a

student of the Wharton School of Finance, an extension of the University of Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre, and attended its classes four nights a week. The difficulty of this course can be easily judged, when out of 72 students who registered in 1917 only 12 graduated in 1920. Mendelis was one of the twelve.

On September 5, 1918, our jubilarian was drafted into the military service and sent to Camp Dix, N. J. Temporarily he had to leave the insurance business. At Camp he did what the rookies are accustomed to do. But after ten days in Camp he was physically examined by a board of twelve doctors, given an honorable discharge and sent home, because of the injuries suffered in the coal mines. Not losing any time, he returned to his work with the insurance company.

In 1920, because of failing health, the Mendelis family decided to dispose of their farm and move back to the city. They settled in Wilkes-Barre, Penna. Senior Mendelis found work as a carpenter. His wage in 1918 was sufficient to support his family. This change released their oldest son from further financial obligations and allowed him to go to college.

College And Seminary Days

As a boy, the future Monsignor nursed a hope of one day being a priest of God. Despite the many vicissitudes in his life, he never abandoned that desire. So in the fall of 1920 he registered as freshman at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. The reason for his choice of Mount St. Mary's was that his pastor was an alumnus of this institution, that a Seminary was connected with the College, and that one could partly work his way through, while obtaining his own education.

Mendelis was twenty-two, when he began his freshman year at Mount St. Mary's; older than an average freshman. He had been away from classical studies for four years. He nursed a coal mine injury. For these reasons he could not and did not take an active part in college athletics. His forte was books. He was determined to get most out of his studies, and he did.

In his freshman year, because he was deficient in Greek, he could not compete for class honors. He remedied this deficiency during his first summer home from college; so that for the next three years, scholastically, Mendelis stood at the head of his class. For three years every Commencement saw him garner all the prizes given to his class. In his graduating year 1924, of the five prizes given, our jubilarian took every one of them.

His Excellency Archbishop Curley, the Ordinary of Baltimore, ex officio President of Mount St. Mary's College, presided at the Commencement Exercises in 1924. Mendelis was one of the speakers. He delivered an oration on "America's Duties to the Foreigner." Archbishop Curley asked young Mendelis to see him after graduation. He did. The Archbishop offered to send him either to Rome, Innsbruck or Louvain for his theological studies. He told him he would have work for him after ordination that would suit his talents and his tastes. He was given time to consider the Archbishop's offer.

It did not take long for our future Monsignor to decide. As a boy and a youth he dreamed of Rome, where the Catholic Church had its beginnings; where every stone was bedewed with the blood of the Christian martyrs, where history, art and Catholic Faith were to be found in its very dust. In

less than a week he wrote His Excellency telling him that he gladly accepts his kind offer.

By return mail Mendelis was informed that he had been assigned to one of the three places reserved at the North American College, Rome, for the theological students of the Baltimore archdiocese. On September 18, 1924, the future pastor of St. Alphonsus left New York for Naples and Rome.

His Four Years In Rome

Our jubilarian told me that a whole volume or even several volumes could be written about his four years in Rome. On his arrival there he realized what a great grace had been given him. He was living in the very center of the Church Universal. At the Urban College of the Propagation of Faith where he attended lectures in theology, he mingled with students from every part of the habitable globe; he heard them speak in 28 different languages. During the Jubilee Year of 1925 he witnessed sights that he can never forget. He was present in St. Peter's when the Little Flower of Jesus was proclaimed a Saint of the Catholic Church.

During his three summers in Europe, our Monsignor, was afforded an opportunity to see some of the "old world." First summer he spent visiting historical Italy. The following summer he spent in France, learning the language and observing the French people. Next summer he went to Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland and the neighboring countries. In his last summer he saw Poland, Lithuania and England.

With every passing year of his studies came his advancement towards the altar of God. Step by step he progressed towards the Priesthood. Then came the joyful announcement that part of Mendelis' class was to be ordained January 15, 1928. What excitement! What preparations! Pre-ordination six day Retreat, preparation for the first three Masses, reporting the joyful news to parents and friends at home!

Sunday, January 15 dawned. This was the day that the Lord hath made. Our future Monsignor with other members of his class hurried to the Lateran Seminary Chapel, where Archbishop Palica, the vice-gerent of the Holy Father himself, was to raise them all to the great dignity of the holy Priesthood, to make them all "priests forever according to the rite of Melchisedech."

Ordinations being over, a modest but a joyful welcome awaited the newly ordained at the North American College. All the students rejoiced at the newly found happiness of the ordinati. The first Masses followed. Monday, it was on the tomb of St. Peter, first Pope and the Prince of the Apostles. Tuesday, it was at the altar harboring the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Church of St. Alphonsus. Wednesday, it was the shrine of St. Paul, outside the walls of Rome, where an altar contains the precious relic of the Apostle's head.

Ordination excitement being over, our future Monsignor had to return to his classes, for the much dreaded examination for his Doctorate in Sacred Sciences was still ahead of him. He had missed lectures for three weeks. All this matter had to be covered, and the work of the three previous years had to be reviewed.

Days and weeks sped by in rapid succession. June came and candidates aspiring to be Doctors had to face the examining board. Father Mendelis'

turn came to give an account of his four years in Rome. All exams in Rome are oral and in Latin. These last one hour. On the board examining Father Mendelis were eight members, three are still living, Cardinals of Mother Church; Cardinal Ruffini, Cardinal Agagianian and Cardinal Ciriaci. God was good, so says Msgr. Mendelis. He not only passed his exam but received "full points," the only student in the University to receive this honor in 1928 and the only American student to receive such distinction in two years.

Now Father Mendelis was ready to return home, to return to his new home Baltimore. But before sailing for the U.S.A., he felt duty bound to visit Lithuania, where he was born and baptized, where he first dreamed of becoming a priest of God. In a little town of Vieksniai near the Latvian border, there still lived Father Mendelis' mother's brother Frank Pocius and his family. It was there that Father Mendelis decided to sing his First Solemn High Mass.

In Lithuania

His visit to Lithuania and his relatives was like a triumphal home coming. It was eighteen years since Father Mendelis had left Lithuania. Many world-rocking changes had taken place. Lithuania was free, was a republic. The Lithuanian language had undergone tremendous changes. Father Mendelis had to re-learn it in order to speak it. It was a most interesting experience and a most excellent preparation for his future work.

Father Mendelis can never forget the simple but heart-warming and soul-stirring hospitality of the Lithuanian people. They were simply wonderful to him. In his brief stay of three weeks he went back to Siauliai to the church where he was baptized to offer a Mass of thanksgiving for the intentions of all those who helped him to become a priest. He visited the grave of his grandmother who died before he left for America in 1910. He met some of the other relatives of his parents, and he visited some of the more famous shrines of Lithuania.

Towards the end of July he said good-bye to Lithuania, to his relatives, and to Europe. He never forgot the thrill he experienced in seeing the Statue of Liberty as he sailed up the Hudson. His family and few of his dear friends were in New York to meet him. Then followed the great days that await every newly ordained priest.

Back In America And Baltimore

After offering his second Solemn High Mass in the Lithuanian Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre, he was invited to offer Mass one day in this Convent and next day in another. Two weeks went by and our future Monsignor was ready to report for work to the Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore.

It was August 31, 1928, when the great Lithuanian patriarch Father Joseph Lietuvnikas, then Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, welcomed Father Mendelis into his rectory. All arrangements had been made for a solemn ingress for the new assistant. A third Solemn High Mass was to be celebrated by Father Mendelis on the following day. The good Sisters of St. Casimir had arranged for a fitting school children's procession. Main altar was beautifully bedecked in flowers. Two of the Fathers from St. Joseph's Monastery came to assist at Mass, and Father Lietuvnikas himself preached the sermon for the occasion.

Assistant At St. Alphonsus Church

At the time of his arrival in St. Alphonsus Church, Father Mendelis did not know a single soul either in the parish or in the city of Baltmore. He was a total stranger among strangers.

It took him fully six months to get his bearings. He had to learn the city as well as the parish. During those six months Father Lietuvnikas, Lord rest his soul, was Father Mendelis' father, mentor and guide. Besides knowing his theology, Father Mendelis soon found out, he had a great deal to learn about Lithuanians, their various factions, their national aspirations and what not. One thing he realized from the very beginning of his ministry that to work among Lithuanians and with Lithuanians he had to use the Lithuanian language fluently and correctly. He told me it took him two years of sweat and toil to acquire a certain facility in the use of Lithuanian.

Barely six months elapsed since the arrival of Father Mendelis in St. Alphonsus parish, when Father Lietuvnikas the Pastor became afflicted with cataracts on both of his eyes. In less than two years Father Lietuvnikas became totally blind. This affliction of Father Lietuvnikas placed all the administrative responsibilities on the shoulders of a strong but inexperienced Father Mendelis.

He tackled the job as best he knew how. Relying on his previous business training and the counsel of several experienced loyal parishioners, he began his work from the spiritual end of the parish. At the time because of Father Lietuvnikas' age and infirmities, the spiritual parish societies were permitted either to die or to languish. In less than six months, Father Mendelis organized the Holy Name Society for men; the Blessed Virgin Sodality for American-born women; and the Altar and Rosary Society for Lithuania-born women. The Sisters took care of the boys and girls in the parish.

Once the beginning was made of taking care of the parish spiritually, Father Mendelis directed his attention to the material needs of the parish. His business experience had already taught him the important lesson, that to work effectively with any group you had to know the members of that group. He determined, therefore, to find out by a careful house to house canvass who were the Lithuanians and where they lived in Baltimore. One family directed him to the next Lithuanian family, and in this way he was able to get almost a complete census of the Lithuanians in Baltimore, first such census taken in 35 years.

Renovation Of The Church

But before beginning this all important work, he felt there was a crying need of renovating the Church both on the outside and inside. The Lithuanians came to St. Alphonsus Church in 1917. Little if anything had been done to keep the Church in repairs by a departing "dying" congregation and nothing had been done by the new occupants. Paint was badly needed on the outside and some kind of renovation had to be started on the inside. But where and how to get the necessary funds.

A meeting of the parishioners was called. Barely fifty people came. And when Father Mendelis told them that at least $10,000 was necessary to begin the work, they gasped for air. The parish was about existing and to raise $10,000 extra, they thought would require at least 10 years. How Father

Mendelis tackled his task is history now, but in nine months time $10,000 was realized.

The work of beautifying St. Alphonsus Church went on. More than $50,000 were spent on repairs and improvements in two years with a loan from a bank of less than $25,000. From the very beginning Father Mendelis wanted to make St. Alphonsus Church so beautiful physically that all the Lithuanians of Baltimore would be able to say with justifiable pride, "that is our church." His dreams have been realized.

While organizing spiritual societies and raising funds for the necessary repairs and improvements, Father Mendelis tried to restore all the beautiful religious customs that he observed as a boy in Lithuania and that had been permitted to lapse in St. Alphonsus Church. With the help of the zealous and artistically gifted Sisters of St. Casimir, St. Alphonsus Church during Forty Hours of Adoration, at Christmas time and especially during Holy Week is truly a bit of Heaven here on earth. Tens of thousands of Baltimoreans, Catholic and non-Catholic, visit St. Alphonsus Church during these times.

The Parish School

Since the parish school in the mind of Father Mendelis was the most important section of parish life, almost from the very beginning of his administration he made the school "tuition free." To help the parents to send their children to St. Alphonsus School not only tuition was practically abolished but books furnished on a rental basis. When Kindergartens for children of pre-school age became popular, Father Mendelis was among the first to establish and equip a Kindergarten in our school that may be well a model for others. Then, thanks again to the most cooperative Sisters of St. Casimir, a warm lunch school program has been introduced that not only keeps the children well physically but prevents their getting into mischief during the lunch hour.

Not content with his progress in the parish, in order to learn how other Lithuanian pastors were coping with their many problems, Father Mendelis in his spare time went about the country conducting Missions and Retreats in Lithuanian and English, and thus, first hand obtained the information he needed, how he personally can be most helpful and most useful to the Lithuanian people.

Father Dubinskas Comes To St. Alphonsus

For the first two years, Father Mendelis was almost alone in the parish work. Father Lietuvnikas managed to say Mass and to hear Confessions, but all the administrative problems rested on Father Mendelis' shoulders. Then, God sent to the parish a son of the parish in the person of Father Anthony J. Dubinskas. A fellow-student of Father Mendelis at the North American College in Rome, Father Dubinskas from the first day of his arrival in St. Alphonsus rectory until 19 years later when he was promoted to the pastorate of St. Gregory's Church, (1949), he was not only a loyal assistant but a true friend and a counsellor of Father Mendelis. For nineteen years Father Mendelis and Father Dubinskas formed a team at St. Alphonsus Church that would be hard to find elsewhere.

Father Mendelis never misses a chance to thank publicly, whenever opportunity presents itself, Father Dubinskas for the help and cooperation he gave Father Mendelis in the administration of the parish. Never once did

Father Dubinskas question Father Mendelis' authority, even when Father Mendelis officially was only an assistant like himself.

The Miraculous Medal Novena Work

It can be truthfully said that during the first eight years of his priesthood Father Mendelis was being prepared for his life's work. While very few Baltimoreans know Msgr. Mendelis today as the Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, almost every one calls him "the Novena Priest" of Baltimore. It is the Novena work that offered Father Mendelis his greatest opportunities for doing good.

The now famous Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal was begun in St. Alphonsus Church, January 10, 1935. From that time until June 1936 it made little progress—two services every Monday, with an average attendance of 300 a week. Then Father Mendelis became its Director. Evidently Our Lady needed him to spread this beautiful devotion, for in less than two years Father Mendelis boosted the number of services from two to fourteen, holding these services Monday and Tuesday, and increasing weekly attendance from 300 to 15,000. On many a Monday he himself conducted six out of nine services; and on Tuesday he took three out of five. All the confessions and all the Benedictions were taken care of just by Fathers Mendelis and Dubinskas.

Father Mendelis' Interest In Converts And Missions

With the Novena work there came to Father Mendelis a new interest in converts and the Catholic Missions. An average of 3,000 non-Catholics come to the Novena services every week. Many of these become interested in the Catholic Faith. And so Father Mendelis in six years, by individual instruction, received more than 200 non-Catholics into the Catholic Fold. In fact it is admitted by The Catholic Information Center that out of 500 converts received into the Catholic Church over a period of four years, two-thirds of these first became intrested in the Catholic Church through their attendance at the Novena services in St. Alphonsus.

Recalling his own personal hardships in reaching the Altar of God as a priest, Father Mendelis wanted to help worthy boys who wanted to be priests. Through his Novena work he became acquainted with certain people who were interested in the same project. The result was that over the years Msgr. Mendelis was able to raise enough money to establish four Burses at St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md. and the same number of Burses at his own Alma Mater, Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. The interest realized from these Burses that run close to $100,000—helps worthy students to defray part of the costs of their college education.

Among Father Mendelis' many priestly interests, his work for the Catholic Missions without a doubt ranks first.

No sooner than the Miraculous Medal Novena was firmly established in St. Alphonsus Church, Father Mendelis' attention was directed to Foreign and Home Missions. Who can ever forget his eloquent plea for the Christmas Leper Fund that is made annually in the first week of Advent? Every November, those attending the Novena Services hear some Bishop from our poorer southern dioceses tell them about the mission needs of those particular dioceses in our own country. The universality of the Catholic Church is brought home to the Novena makers by the presence of the various missionary Sisters soliciting help in the vestibule of the church.

Year after year for the past fifteen years, in the report of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, published annually in *The Catholic Review,* St. Alphonsus Church is credited with more than $60,000 a year. It is the prayerful hope of Msgr. Mendelis that within next two or three years, St. Alphonsus Church will have given the Catholic Missions its first million dollars. Msgr. Mendelis firmly believes that a special blessing of God comes to him, the Church, and the people who contribute to these various appeals, because of his interest in the Missions.

Our jubilarian told me that he never turns down a bona-fide Mission appeal. These come to him in great numbers from all corners of the globe, sometimes two and three in one day. He always tries to place himself in the position of the begging missionary, and then writes his check.

Becomes Pastor Of St. Alphonsus Church

Father Joseph Lietuvnikas, Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church and the spiritual guide of Baltimore Lithuanians for almost fifty years, died July 22, 1943. On November 19 of the same year, His Excellency Archbishop Curley appointed Father Mendelis Pastor. For six years more Father Mendelis and Father Dubinskas continued to guide the destinies of St. Alphonsus Church and parish together. Then in 1949 came the separation. Father Dubinskas was made Pastor of St. Gregory the Great parish in Baltimore.

Honors Come To The Jubilarian

Father Mendelis was already ordained twenty-one years, when in 1949 his class at Mount St. Mary's College was to observe the silver jubilee of its graduation. He was invited by the President of the College to preach the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of that year. He accepted the task and on the following day was rewarded by being made an honorary Doctor of Laws. His Alma Mater recognized the work of her distinguished alumnus by placing an LL.D. after his name.

The biggest surprise of his life, however, came to him in 1952, when he was called by the present Archbishop of Baltimore, Most Reverend Francis P. Keough, D.D., and told that His Holiness Pope Pius XII had made him a member of the Papal Household and conferred on him the title of the Right Reverend Monsignor. Investiture took place in the private chapel of His Excellency the Archbishop.

This account brings up the Monsignor's life to date. Presently he is 55 years of age. As he says himself, he has had a full life. He thanks God for his good health, and especially for giving him the vocation to the priesthood. He thanks God for allowing him to come to Baltimore and to St. Alphonsus Church. He is sure that he could not have done elsewhere what he has done in St. Alphonsus Church during the twenty-five years of his priesthood. He is most grateful to Archbishop Curley for accepting him into the Archdiocese of Baltimore, as he is grateful to him and the present Archbishop, His Excellency Francis P. Keough, for the confidence placed in him.

Some one asked our jubilarian, Msgr. Mendelis, what are his plans for the next twenty-five years. His answer was: "God willing, I shall continue trying to be a priest of God. As long as I am able, I shall continue to spend myself and be spent in the service of the Church and all who come to St. Alphonsus."

J. K.

Program

Presentation of Colors ..... AMERICAN LEGION LITHUANIAN POST, No. 154

National Anthems ..... JOE DOWLING AND HIS ORCHESTRA

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Led by MRS. JULIA RASTENIS

Invocation ..... RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN L. SHERIDAN
President, Mount St. Mary's College

TOASTMASTER

REV. JOSEPH E. GEDRA
Pastor, Holy Family Church, Hillcrest Heights, Md.

SPEAKERS AND GUESTS

REV. JOSEPH C. ANTOSZEWSKI ..... Honorary Chairman
MR. JOSEPH A. KASINSKAS ..... Chairman
HON. JOSEPH KAJECKAS ..... Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D. C.
HON. JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER ..... United States Senator
HON. THEODORE R. McKELDIN ..... Governor of Maryland
HON. EDWARD A. GARMATZ ..... United States Congress
HON. GEORGE H. FALLON ..... United States Congress
HON. SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL ..... United States Congress

Solo ..... GEORGE GALKAS

HON. THOMAS D'ALESANDRO, JR. ..... Mayor of Baltimore
HON. MICHAEL J. MANLEY ..... Judge, Supreme Bench, Baltimore
REV. PIUS DAMBRAUSKAS, TH. LIC. ..... St. Alphonsus Parish
VERY REV. GEORGE F. O'DEA, S.S.J. ..... Motherhouse, Josephite Fathers

Solo ..... CLEMENT ANDREWS

MR. ANTHONY MICEIKA
MR. JOSEPH MITCHELL
MRS. JULIA RASTENIS
MR. PAUL GROSSI
MISS M. KATHERINE KUHLBURN
MR. THOMAS MARCIN
MISS FRANCES SEDBARAS
MR. JOHN GRUDZINSKAS
HON. WILLIAM F. LAUKAITIS
DR. JOSEPH LAUKAITIS
DR. JOHN URLOCK
MR. JOHN LUBER
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MR. GEORGE P. MAHONEY
RT. REV. MSGR. JOSEPH P. O'DONNELL

VERY REV. EDW. V. CASSERLY, S.S.J.
VERY REV. FRANCIS P. McNELIS
REV. JOHN A. COGAN
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REV. WILLIAM F. CULHANE
REV. ANTHONY J. DUBINSKAS
REV. J. CHESTER GRIFFITH
REV. JOSEPH J. JOSAITIS
REV. CASIMIR F. KEYDASH
REV. THOMAS J. KILCULLEN
REV. JOHN J. O'NEILL
REV. PETRAS PATLABA
REV. HUGH J. PHILLIPS
REV. CASIMIR PUGEVICIUS
REV. BRO. GABRIEL CECILIAN, F.S.C.

Duet ..... CLEMENT ANDREWS and GEORGE GALKAS

Benediction ..... VERY REV. THOMAS J. McNAMARA, S.S.J.
Superior, Josephite Fathers

Menu

FRESH FRUIT COCKTAIL

CELERY OLIVES

OLD FASHIONED VEGETABLE SOUP

ROAST STUFFED YOUNG MARYLAND TURKEY AU CRESSON

CRANBERRY JELLY

NEW PEAS IN BUTTER

WHIPPED IN CREAM POTATOES

COFFEE

MERINGUE GLACED ICE CREAM CAKE

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The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Tautos Himnas

Lietuva, Tevyne musu,
Tu didvyriu zeme,
Is praeities tavo sunus
Te stiprybe semia.

Tegul tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybes,
Tegul dirba tavo naudai
Ir zmoniu gerybei!

Tegul saule Lietuvos
Tamsumus prasalina.
Ir sviesa ir tiesa
Mus zingsnius telydi!

Tegul meile Lietuvos
Dega musu sirdyse
Vardan tos Lietuvos
Vienybe tezydi.

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